

In the Specification

Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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a' --In view of such a drawback, there has been proposed another airbag such as shown in Fig. 1 and as disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No.9-99795. An airbag as disclosed in that publication is formed such that two upper and lower base cloths (fabrics) B and C are put one on another and peripheral portions thereof are joined through sewing or the like. That arrangement has an advantage in that the number of parts is reduced and workability is improved.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In such a conventional airbag A, however, since the upper and lower base cloths B and C are set to the same shape, there is a possibility that, when the airbag A is inflated, a space or gap occurs between the inflated or expanded airbag and the abdomen H1 of a vehicle occupant H. Also, as shown in Fig. 2, there is a possibility that, when the occupant H sits on a front side seat and he/she abuts on the lower base cloth C, the airbag A is pressed by the breast H2 of the occupant H to be displaced in a direction G.--

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Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--To achieve the objects, according to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an airbag formed by joining two base cloths constituting an upper piece and a lower piece to form substantially closed box like shape, comprising: an upper base cloth having a first rear face portion opposed to an occupant of a vehicle in an inflated state of the airbag, an upper face portion continuously and substantially perpendicularly disposed with the first rear face portion and two first side portions each connected to the first rear face portion and the upper face portion so that the upper piece is formed in generally box like shape, wherein the upper piece comprises an upper joining line defined between the first rear face portion and the first side portion; and a lower base cloth having a second rear face portion opposed to the occupant in the inflated state of the airbag, a lower face portion continuously and substantially perpendicularly disposed with the second rear face portion and two second side portions each connected to the second rear face portion and the lower face portion so that the lower piece is formed in generally box like shape, wherein the lower piece comprises a lower joining line defined between the second rear face portion and the second side portion, wherein the lower joining line is smoothly curved in such a manner that middle portion of the joining line projects toward the occupant, thereby forming a bulging portion at the second rear face portion.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The base cloth 3 is positioned on an upper side, and it is formed generally symmetrically, where generally triangular side portions 3b are formed on both sides of a

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rectangular upper face portion 3a and a generally arcuate-sided rear face portion 3c is formed on one side of the rear end of the upper face portion 3a. Vent holes 7 for discharging gas after inflation of the airbag are formed at boundary portions between the upper face portion 3a and both side portions 3b.--

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Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In the base cloths 3 and 4, as shown in Figs. 4A and 4B, the upper face portion 3a and the bottom face portion 4a have the same shape, and a line extending from the side 8 to the slope side 9 and a line extending from the side 9 to the slope side 14 have the same shape, but the connection shape between each side portion 3b and the rear face portion 3c, and the connection shape between each side portion 4b and the rear face portion 4c, are different from each other, and correspondingly the shapes of the rear face portions 3c and 4c are different from each other.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Next, the process for sewing the base cloths 3 and 4 to manufacture the airbag 1 will be explained. In the base cloths 3 and 4, since the full widths W3 and W4 are the same and the lengths and the inclination angles of the slope side 9 are the same as those of the slope side 14, the upper halves of the base cloths 3 and 4 are coincident with each other when the base cloths 3 and 4 are put one on another. The three sides of both the slope